Cynicism
is wisdom
killing itself
in despair.

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Now adays you can find tabletop RPGs based on all sorts of properties-

Beerman, Star Wars, Doctor Who, Marvel, Blade Runner, Alien, Monty Python-

You name it.

This is their grandaddy, made in 1980, and possibly the weirdest licensed property possible for this sort of thing. It failed miserably- turns out these are entirely different fandoms- but you have to admire a mind that came up with the concept. "You know Dungeons and Dragons?" "What if you could be J.R. Ewing?"

You Should Play:

At its core, this is a match-3 puzzler like Puzzle Quest - and a good one, with a variety of objectives and a great meta-narrative.

As you play, though, it becomes much more - a hilarious, clever and heartfelt meditation on game design itself from people you really want to see succeed. (And your evil twin, it turns out, is pretty cool, actually)

Wise words,
diner sign.

While I wouldn't call this my "favorite" beer- that depends very much on what I'm in the mood for at a given time- it is, as far as I'm concerned, the Platonic ideal of beer- the exact midpoint of what it should be, the "beer-iest" of them all, in between IPAs on one side and stouts on another. (Hard to find out here, though)

... since last time...

my kid built this →

went ice skating for the very first time
joined the Linux cult
another kid got knighted
hosted an Adult Spelling Bee that brought back m-e-m-o-r-i-e-s
big tree fall down go boom
another kid showed her aristocatic side
discovered Kierkegaard, as well as how to spell it ↗
Held a first-ever and two-county Battle of the Books
saw three hilarious people perform all of Shakespeare in 90 minutes
played all of the Ikari Warriors games, which really wasn't worth it
nailed down a date for opening a new library (I hope)
am able to hate the basement slightly less

"CARCERI D'INVENZIONE, NO. VII"

GIOVANNI BATTISTA PIRANESI, 1761.

this is
our economy
right now,

being played
by
some of
the worst
human beings
on
the planet
who
are just keeping
the
pieces
they grab.

I still like the idea of print-on-demand with a recyclable product, but binding has always been an issue. My solution:

- War
- and
- Fear
- and
- Then More
- War
- (repeat ad infinitum)

in text block and compressed in a very tight flatbed scanner and holds the codex together. Print, read, recycle, repeat.

↖Plug made of paper, driven through pre-drilled holes

So there's something stupid - a propeller-driven train, called the Schienenzeppelin, and built in 1929.

Even the Nazis eventually figured out having a big whirring blade in a passenger station is a bad idea and took it out in 1939.

(Also, how do you connect cars to it?)

A long time ago - from around 8750-7850 BCE - the Baltic Sea was a huge freshwater lake from glacial melt - we refer to it now as Lake Ancylus.

The sea eventually broke through what are now known as the Belts off Denmark, gradually increasing its salinity.

Stream Chat
Gift to take #21
Nightbot: HOLLA HOLLA GET CNE DOLLA
WARFUdk: Bets are locked. Power Vzer (-1) - $2,953,272, TOQUE
TOCK (+2) - $1,56,2,870
Pizza0zzy: song
WARFUdk: 7 - [ARCHIVED]Necro's 3rd Strike Remix 4 the SF
Tribute Album Okyagwa.ly[BOGNOI]
Pizza0zzy: song
WARFUdk: Capcom - A.LON
WARFUdk: Power Vzer wins! Payouts to Team Red. 42 more
matches until the next tournament!
WARFUdk: Bets are OPEN for Predator warrior vs Gomorah! (S Tier
(matchmaking) www.saltybet.com
WARFUdk: Bets are locked. Predator warrior (1) - $1,493,909,
Gomorra (3) - $6,569,566
Send a message
Bets are locked until the next match.
S0 Sign in to start playing!
Predator warrior $1,493,949 Gomorra $6,569,566
PREDATOR WARRIOR
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GOMORA

These two examples of embroidery art by local artist Rachel Prezbt (reprinted with permission) represent some of the coolest work I've seen in that medium.

She made an entire series of these-embroidered aerial landscape views with amazing texture work that pops out at the viewer.

Saltybet (saltybet.com) is a fun twitch stream that makes great background noise.

It's basically a series of completely MUGEN characters, submitted by creators in that huge database, fighting each other. With viewers able to bet fake money on the outcome.

Only here will you be able to see Ronald McDonald take on a Predator.

As a kid, I read a lot of history. (I was a weird kid)

One topic I got into was Lincoln's assassination.

Back then, our buddy Dr. Samuel Mudd here was portrayed as the victim of a miscarriage of justice- a doctor who unknowingly set the murderer's leg and was jailed for his professionalism.

Turns out, he knew Booth ahead of it, and may even have participated in a previous kidnapping conspiracy- which is why Booth went to him in the first place- and even after learning what had happened, tried to cover for Booth when the Feds came.

I saw the Physiologus referred to recently as the first "Monster Manual," and that tracks.

Originally written sometime between the 2nd and 4th centuries (the original has been lost it gives a rundown of animals (which vary by version) including fish, bugs, rocks for some reason, and creatures we now know to be mythical, like the phoenix- drawing a Christian allegory to each.

Only a he-goat's blood can dissolve diamonds. Who knew?